

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) In 12 fertilizer companies located in Delhi region having 17,168 employees, the claims of only three class-IV employees are pending since July 2001 in Central Provident Fund Office.

(b) to (d) Only in one case a complaint has been received in respect of M/s Shriram Food & Fertilizer Ltd. An enquiry U/s 7A of the employees Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been initiated for determination of dues.

Employment Exchanges in Meghalaya

1302. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employment exchanges functioning at present in Meghalaya;

(b) the number of educated/unemployed, skilled/unskilled unemployed youths who have registered their names for various jobs in the employment exchanges in the State; and

(c) the number of youths provided with jobs through the employment exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) There are 10 Employment Exchanges in Meghalaya namely Divisional Employment Exchange, Shillong, District Employment Exchanges, Tura/Jowai/Williamnagar/Nongstoin/Nongpoh and Sub-Divisional Employment Exchanges Sohra, Mairang, Ampati, Resubelpara.

(b) The number of educated/uneducated, skilled/unskilled

job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in Meghalaya as on 31.12.2000 are given as under:

Item	No. of unemployed Youths
(1) Educated	20,463
(2) Uneducated	14,948
(3) Skilled	32,298
(4) Unskilled	3,113

(c) Total number of persons provided jobs through employment exchanges in the States is 87 for the period 1.1.2000 to 31.12.2000.

Increase in unemployment

†1303. SHRI P. K. MAHESWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been unprecedented increase in unemployment during the first ten years of liberalisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The estimates of employment, unemployment & Labour Force are obtained through quinquennial survey on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The incidence of unemployment which was of the order of 1.90% of the Labour Force during 1993-94 has marginally gone up to 2.23% during 1999-2000 as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status Approach.

(c) Planning for employment generation is a part of the five-year

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